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Subject: URGENT - Notice of Nipah virus cases in Bangladesh
Importance: High

Jonna,

Just got this from Arif via Mindy. I personally think it's a good opportunity for us to show value to the Bangladeshi Govt, and it's something we've been working towards (i.e. One Health outbreak investigations...).

What do you think? Could you ask Andrew C. if we can have permission to get involved?

I'm in the office all afternoon if you want to discuss.

Cheers,

Peter

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To: Peter Daszak
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Subject: Notice of Nipah virus cases in Bangladesh

Dear Peter,

I wanted to let you know that Arif has been informed that there are cases of Nipah virus in people in Bangladesh right now (it is Nipah season). The director of IEDCR (Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research) unofficially offered to let PREDICT sample bats in coordination with the human investigation.

This is not a formal request at this time. Right now there are no plans for any institution there to sample the bats during the investigation.

While the government has not announced outbreak to the media yet, we thought you should be informed at this time because the CDC and, perhaps more importantly, the USAID Mission are already aware of the cases. The Mission did ask Arif whether PREDICT would be responding to the outbreak. At this time we are not planning any field activities in response to the outbreak as we have not been officially requested to help nor do we have USAID DC approval.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Best,
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